

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Jensen on 1/9/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 17-31 are cancelled.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claim 51 is directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(b), claims 52-53, which are dependent from claim 51, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Claims 17-31, directed to the invention(s) of Species B require all the limitations of an allowable product claim, and have NOT been rejoined.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/6/08 was filed in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-16 and 51-66 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric D. Bertram whose telephone number is 571-272-3446. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:30-6 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl H. Layno can be reached on 571-272-4949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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